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## DEVELOPING THE PURPOSE AND NEED FOR NEPA DOCUMENTS

## ■ The Purpose and Need and Project Lifecycle


- Foundation for decision-making
- Basis for no-action discussion
- Strong foundation for alternatives development
- Context for construction impacts  
(why are we doing this?!)



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## ■ Project Purpose

- Goal or set of goals to achieve a solution
  - NOT the scope of work
  - Broader picture
    - Linkage
    - Route continuity
    - Public safety
    - (why are we doing this?)
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- A photograph of a red rock canyon landscape. The foreground shows a dirt road or path leading into the distance. The canyon walls are made of layered red rock. In the far distance, a small building is visible on a plateau. The sky is clear and blue.



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## ■ Purpose and Need in FHWA Tech Advisory\*

- Legislation
- Social demands
- Economic development
- Modal interrelationships
- Transportation demand
- Roadway deficiencies
- Project status
- System linkage
- Capacity
- Safety

**\* T 6640.8A**

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